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FIREARM POSSESSION NETS CONVICTED FELON NINE YEARS IMPRISONMENT

TUCSON, ARIZONA – The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on March 26, 2004, Michael Lee Wadle, 9/26/54, of Tucson, AZ, was sentenced to nine years imprisonment for a felon in possession of a firearms charge by United States District Judge Raner C. Collins, in Tucson, Arizona. Wadle had entered a plea of guilty on October 21, 2003 to Title 18 United States Code, Section 922(g)(1) and 924(e), charging illegal possession of a firearm by a prohibited possessor. The charges arose after execution of a search warrant at Wadle's residence revealed numerous firearms and ammunition.

Wadle's prior felony convictions included a 1990 conviction for Armed Robbery in Pima County, Arizona; a 1982 conviction for Burglary in Pottowattamie County, Iowa; and a 1972 conviction for Assault with Intent to Murder, also in Pottowattamie County, Iowa.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) and officers from the Pima County Sheriff's Department, in Tucson, Arizona.

The prosecution was handled by Carin C. Duryeé, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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